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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter, I am transmitting the following amendment to the California 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) for your approval. The enclosed amendment includes programming modification to the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization, portion of the state and applies specifically to Madera County.

No. Description

3 **Local Highway Element**

- Adds a State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) project for the City of Madera. The amendment programs a total of \$2,353,000 in state and local funds for "Cleveland Avenue Project (MPO ID: MAD217004)" to reconstruct and widen existing two-lane street to provide raised median, bike lane, sidewalks and install traffic signals.

See enclosure.

As this project programming is not within the triennial cycle of the current FSTIP, we recommend Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to approve inclusion of this project into FSTIP for information only. The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement or have been found to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This amendment does not affect the FSTIP Financial Plan. In accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Madera County Transportation Commission and the Council of Fresno County Governments (COFCG), the COFCG makes the finding of air quality conformity

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for Madera County. Documentation is enclosed from the COFCG that satisfies this requirement.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. This amendment was prepared under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies and other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
JIM NICHOLAS**

JIM NICHOLAS
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Enclosures

- c: Mark Brucker - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
Liz Levine - Madera County Transportation Commission
Patricia Taylor Maley - Madera County Transportation Commission
Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans

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